

2010 TEACHERS OF DISTINCTION



Senator Padavan with the 2010 Teachers of Distinction at the Queens Farm Museum

It has become an annual tradition to honor teachers from throughout our community who go the extra mile in the classroom and embody a strong dedication to our children. Back in May, during National Teacher Appreciation Week, Senator Padavan hosted his fourth annual Teacher of Distinction ceremony where he honored over 35 teachers from both public and private school from throughout Northeast Queens.

BAYSIDE ANGLERS ANNUAL LITTLE NECK BAY CLEAN-UP



Above: Senator Padavan helps volunteer's pick-up trash along the Little Neck Bay shoreline during the Bayside Anglers springtime clean-up
Left: Senator Padavan collects trash along the shoreline of Little Neck Bay

UDALLS COVE ANNUAL SPRING TIME CLEAN-UP



Senator Padavan with the Little Neck Lions Club Leo's at the Udalls Cove springtime clean-up

Senator Padavan addresses and thanks all the volunteers who helped in the Udalls Cove clean-up as Committee President Walter Mugdan looks on

PADAVAN JOINS WITH LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT



Senator Padavan with students and faculty from Martin Van Buren High School at the Relay for Life event in Cunningham Park



Senator Padavan with students from St. Francis Prep during the Relay for Life event at Cunningham Park

Senator Frank Padavan joined with local high school students and residents at the Relay for Life event at Cunningham Park. Established by the American Cancer Society the event raises funds and increases awareness in the fight against cancer. Throughout the day teams compete to raise money for cancer research and education by walking around the park oval.

PLAY BALL! LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY



Senator Padavan throws out the first pitch to kick-off the Bayside Little League season



Senator Padavan with members of the Bayside Little League at the opening ceremonies for the 2010 season



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REFORM ALBANY UPDATE

The State Legislature must enact common-sense, fair-minded reforms that will bring about accountability and transparency to all our state government. In keeping with his strong commitment to reform, Senator Padavan signed on to the "Pledge for Change New York" a collaborative project of good government groups. Some of the proposals lined out in the pledge include: ensuring ethics, lobbying and campaign finance reforms are independent and powerful; providing an independent process for redistricting; and establishing an Independent Budget Office to oversee state finances.



Senator Padavan with Dick Dadey, Executive Director of the Citizen Union of the City of New York

TERRI POUYMARI 2010 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION



Senator Padavan with 2010 Woman of Distinction Honoree Terri Pouymari in Senate Chamber

The Woman of Distinction Award is bestowed upon women throughout the state who have tirelessly given of themselves in service to their community and have achieved professional and personal excellence. This year the prestigious honor for our community was presented to life-long Queens resident Terri Pouymari, President of the Auburndale Improvement Association. Pouymari spent over 30 years teaching history at Newton High School in Elmhurst. She resides in Flushing with her husband John, a former history teacher and school administrator. Both are active members of St. Kevin's Parish in Auburndale.

CONTROLLING MEDICAID SPENDING WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS DOLLARS

New York's Medicaid spending has risen to a point that it is simply unsustainable. The facts are astounding. We spend an estimated \$1 billion a week on Medicaid for a total of \$52 billion annually. Future projections have state spending, your tax dollars, for Medicaid increasing by 37 percent over the next five years adding \$5 billion more in spending.

When you compare New York to other states the picture becomes even more troubling and stunning its scale and scope. Total spending in New York is 70 percent above the national average and spends more California and Texas combined. The Medicaid system is riddled with fraud, waste and abuse costing New York billions.

Senator Padavan has developed a plan that will save New York hundreds of millions in the short-term and billions into the future with some much-needed reforms to the Medicaid program. Some of the provisions in the action plan include:

- ▶ Authorizing the referral of all fraud cases to local DA's to streamline and increase the prosecution of cases and allow counties to keep a portion of the funds they recover;
- ▶ Restoring common sense asset and resource testing as a Medicaid eligibility; and
- ▶ Eliminating "doctor shopping" by requiring recipients to choose one primary doctor and one pharmacist.

PADAVAN, COMMUNITY FIGHT MTA SERVICE CUTS



The Q79 is a vital bus line for thousands of Northeast Queens residents. Families, students and seniors rely on the bus line to travel throughout the borough and to destinations in Long Island. That is why, Senator Padavan joined with local residents and community leaders to fight against the MTA's plan to cut the Q79 bus line.



STATEWIDE BREAST CANCER GROUP REACHES MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

Earlier this year Senator Padavan met with representatives from the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program at the State Capitol in Albany. The program, marking its 30th anniversary, provides vital support and services for women throughout the state and metropolitan area facing breast cancer. The goal of the program is to "educate, support, empower and advocate for breast cancer patients, professionals and the community." The program operates a statewide, toll-free breast cancer hotline that handles over 4,000 calls annually with over 350,000 visits to their web-site each year. For more information on the program please visit www.adelphi.edu/nysbreastcancer.

Senator Kemp Hannon (Nassau), Joanne Shigo, Senator Frank Padavan Program, Director Hillary Rutter, Public Relations Consultant Lyn Dobrin and Bilingual Outreach Coordinator Angelica Medina meet at the State Capitol on Tuesday January 20, 2010.



Cadet Rachel Kim, Senator Frank Padavan and Cadet Hemanth Nalamothu during West Point Day at the State Capitol

WEST POINT DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

On Wednesday April 28, New York State Senator Frank Padavan (Queens), a retired colonel and 30-year veteran of the United State Army Corp of Engineers, met with Cadet Rachel Kim and Cadet Hemanth Nalamothu during West Point Day at the State Capitol. Cadet Kim, a member of the Class of 2013 is from Whitestone and Cadet Nalamothu, a member of the Class of 2011 is from Bayside. Both Cadets were recognized on the floor of the State Senate during a special portion of the legislative session. West Point Day is an annual tradition in the State Legislature that honors the service of the Cadets and the important role the storied institution plays in New York State and the nation

FIGHTING FOR MORE JOBS AND A STRONGER ECONOMY

Several months ago, my colleagues and I in the Senate Minority Conference worked with small business leaders across the State in crafting a comprehensive proposal to improve New York's economy, cut taxes, and help create thousands of new private sector jobs. This groundbreaking plan, called the 2010 Job Creation and Retention Package, includes the following components:

A Cap on State Spending

Imposing a constitutional cap on State spending is one of the most critical steps we can take to improve New York's overall business climate.

Job Creation Tax Credit

An average \$2,500-\$5,000 credit to employers in New York for every new job created / only new jobs that expand total payroll. They would receive up to

\$3,000 in an additional credit for hiring a New Yorker on unemployment.

Moratorium on New Taxes and Regulations

Our plan would impose a moratorium on any new taxes, fees and regulations on small businesses, manufacturers and farms.

Perhaps the biggest missed opportunity in the State Budget was that it failed to address New York's most serious challenge — the need for economic growth and new private sector jobs.

In the days ahead, I will continue fighting for the key reforms set forth in the 2010 Job Creation and Retention Package, because it would dramatically improve our business climate and create thousands of new job opportunities.

PADAVAN HOSTS A SERIES OF NO-COST MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENINGS FOR LOCAL WOMEN

In April and June, New York State Senator Frank Padavan (Queens) and the American-Italian Cancer Foundation hosted a mammography screening event outside of Padavan's District Office in Bellerose. The no-costs screenings took place on the Foundation's fully contained mobile mammography van. There were no-out-of-pocket expenses and no co-pays for both insured and uninsured women.

The next scheduled mammography screenings sponsored by Senator Padavan and the American-Italian Cancer Foundation is November 20, Be on the look-out for more details as we head into the fall.

MEMORIAL DAY IN NORTHEAST QUEENS



Senator Padavan greets the crowd gathered along the parade route at the Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade



Senator Padavan expresses the importance of Memorial Day at the Bayside Hills Civic Association's Memorial Day Ceremony